

COTTON MEETING HAS ADJOURNED

Big Conclave Passes Many Resolutions and Listens to Address By Editor Graves.

IMPROVE WAREHOUSE SYSTEM

Recommendations Adopted for a Design for a Standard Warehouse in Small Towns.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW ORLEANS, January 12.—The Southern Cotton Association completed its labors with its afternoon session and adjourned without delay. Declaring the adjournment, President Jordan congratulated the convention on the successful way in which it had performed its work. The new Executive Committee will meet here next week and arrange to carry out the various recommendations which have been made by the convention. It will probably be in session for two or three days. Except the members of the committee, practically all the members of the association started for their homes to-night.

At the opening of the afternoon session, Chairman W. D. Nesbitt presented the report of the Committee on Warehouses. It recommended the extension and improvement of the present warehouse system by improving the physical character and fire protection features of all warehouses, building of large fireproof warehouses in commercial centers, which warehouses may be tributary, a design for a standard warehouse suited for railway stations and small towns; the education of the people in the great advantages of the warehouse and credit system based on warehouse receipts; encouragement by the officers of the association of warehouse building and a combination by local warehouse companies and formation of a grading and guarantee company to issue uniform guaranteed receipts on cotton in warehouses that will adopt proper methods and give proper security.

The resolution was adopted. Chairman Harnock reported for the Finance Committee. It provided for dues of ten cents per bale, all owing twenty per cent. to the national fund, thirty per cent. to the State fund and the remainder to the county fund. The Executive Committee was requested to employ Hon. E. D. Smith, of South Carolina, as national organizer to more completely organize the various States, his salary to be fixed by the committee. The report was adopted.

Endorse Overman Bill.

Chairman Fred J. Mayer, of the Resolutions Committee, reported an endorsement of the Overman bill now before the Senate for the appointment of a commission in connection with the development of the cotton trade in new markets. The report was adopted.

A resolution by M. V. Calvin, of Executive Committee to publish for distribution 100,000 copies of the proceedings of the convention.

W. P. Shinnall, of Mississippi, chairman of the committee on acreage reduction, reported favoring the reduction of acreage 25 per cent. from that planted in 1904. As there were planted 32,000,000 acres of cotton in 1904, this would mean that the Southern Cotton Association is in favor of planting but 24,000,000 acres of cotton this year. The report was unanimously adopted.

Hon. J. Temple Graves, of Atlanta, Ga., was then introduced and made a strong address.

The committee on statistics, through Chairman E. B. Alford, presented a lengthy report asking each State to prepare and perfect a careful statistic service.

A resolution by John D. Walker was adopted that all holders of spot cotton be requested and the Southern Cotton Association to sign a binding pledge to sell their cotton at 15 cents a pound, if through the efforts of the association it reaches that price.

After passing a special vote of thanks to John Temple Graves for his address, the convention finally adjourned.

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HOTEL CLERK STOLE \$18,250 FROM GUEST

E. M. Jackson, of Fort Worth, Appropriates Package of Cash and Securities.

(By Associated Press.)
DALLAS, TEX., January 12.—E. M. Jackson, clerk in a small hotel at Fort Worth, was arrested to-day on a charge of theft of about \$18,000 worth of stocks and bonds of the Kennedie Canning and Preserving Company, and \$20 in money. A representative of the company put the bonus and money in the clerk's care last night when he retired. The clerk and securities were missing this morning, but he was captured later.

MUSIC FESTIVAL.

Plans Laid for Greatest Treat Wednesday Club Has Ever Given

A very enthusiastic meeting of the Wednesday Club was held in the board room of the Chesapeake and Ohio building yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Mr. George W. Stevens, the president of the club, presided, and considerable business of importance was disposed of. All of the Board of Governors of the club were present except Mr. H. T. Maloney, M. O. Brooks and Mr. James Gordon, who were unavoidably absent.

The attendance was the largest of any of the meetings of the club this season. Most of those present took part in the vital topics of discussion, such as the great musical festival which will be held in Richmond this spring. Among those present were the following: Mr. George W. Stevens, Mr. Eugene Jones, secretary of the club; Mr. W. D. Duke, Mr. George Bryan, Mr. W. Douglas Gordon, Mr. W. M. Jenkins, Mr. Walter C. Mercer, Professor F. G. Hahn, Mr. Louis W. Pizzini, Mr. John Stewart Bryan, Mr. J. F. Howell, Mr. R. R. Harrison and Cunningham Hall.

The Board of Governors was quick and spry in its unanimous decision to greatly enlarge the plans of the forthcoming musical festival in Richmond. The dates of the festival were fixed for April 20th, May 1st and May 2d, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, thus arranging for a series of five concerts, which will give Richmond the greatest musical treat it has had in its history. Contrasts have been signed with Mr. George W. Stevens, manager of the Boston Festival Orchestra. Through him some of the rarest and most talented artists have been engaged as follows: Anita Rio, who charmed the Richmond people here two years ago with her wonderful soprano voice; Jessie Cushing Child, whose fine alto voice is well-known in Richmond; Mrs. Isabel Bouton, alto, an old favorite in the former festivals; Mr. Edward Johnson, tenor; Mr. Lloyd Rand, tenor; Emilio de Gogorza, baritone; Mr. Gwynn Miles, baritone; Mr. L. B. Merrill, basso.

Two additional concerts will be added this year, one a symphony concert, in which the orchestra will be given an opportunity to render its best instrumental work, and the other an artists' concert, by which the soloists will have an opportunity of singing their select arias and songs aside from their solos in the choral choruses. In order to make the festival a complete success, it was unanimously decided to extend the work of the club by this addition, and several of the members of the Board of Governors have taken great interest in the necessary additional subscription fund, and the additional expense of over \$1,000 was subscribed in fifteen minutes.

The club has taken great interest in its new musical director, Dr. Peters, and the work of the chorus has shown wonderful inspiration under his direction. All of the members of the festival have been carefully rehearsed up to this time, and Rossini's "Stabat Mater" has been taken up. The "May Queen" cantata by Sir William Sterndale Bennett will be taken up early in February.

At the meeting this afternoon Mr. Walter C. Mercer was unanimously elected business manager for the festival.

The children's chorus this year, as heretofore, will be a decided feature of the festival.

A NEW PHASE OF STONY CREEK CASE

Mitchell Shot Baugh As the Result of a Personal Quarrel.

BAUGH NOT BADLY WOUNDED

Started to Europe, But Returned Because of Damage to His Ship.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
PETERSBURG, VA., January 12.—From further particulars received as to the shooting of S. V. Baugh by F. W. Mitchell at Stony Creek, a week or more ago, it appears that the two men were scarcely more than acquaintances, and that the shooting had no connection with the discharge of Baugh's pistol, followed by the discharge of Mitchell's.

Baugh has not as yet been able to attend a hearing of the case which was to-day postponed until he recovers sufficiently to attend. It is stated that he is not injured internally and that the ball is lodged against a rib and he refused to allow the physician to probe for it. No immediate danger is apprehended.

Mr. V. Russo, a well known merchant of this city, who left several days ago for New York, where he was to take a steamer for Europe on a visit to his native home in Italy, has returned to Petersburg. The steamer on which Mr. Russo was to have sailed was so badly damaged in a storm on its last trip that it will take several days to repair it, and, therefore, Mr. Russo postponed his voyage.

Following are among the transfers of real estate recorded the past week:
Fannie E. Budd's children to Elizabeth M. Chappel, lot on High Street.
R. O. Egerton to R. H. Jones, lot on Washington Street.
R. D. Gilliam, special commissioner, to J. G. Quarles, lot on Pearl Street.

L. M. Moore and wife to Rebecca B. Lyndon, lot on Halifax Street.
Mrs. Louis M. Baxter, of Shreveport, La., arrived in Petersburg yesterday en route to Harlowe, N. C., to visit her mother, Mrs. E. N. Mason, who is very sick.

Russell Walsh, little son of Mr. Everett S. Walsh, fell from a wagon yesterday and broke his arm.

Mrs. Jessie G. Nevill, wife of E. S. Nevill, died early this morning of consumption. The funeral will take place Sunday.

Messrs. Henry Werres and O. G. Hinton left this afternoon for New York via the Old Dominion Line.

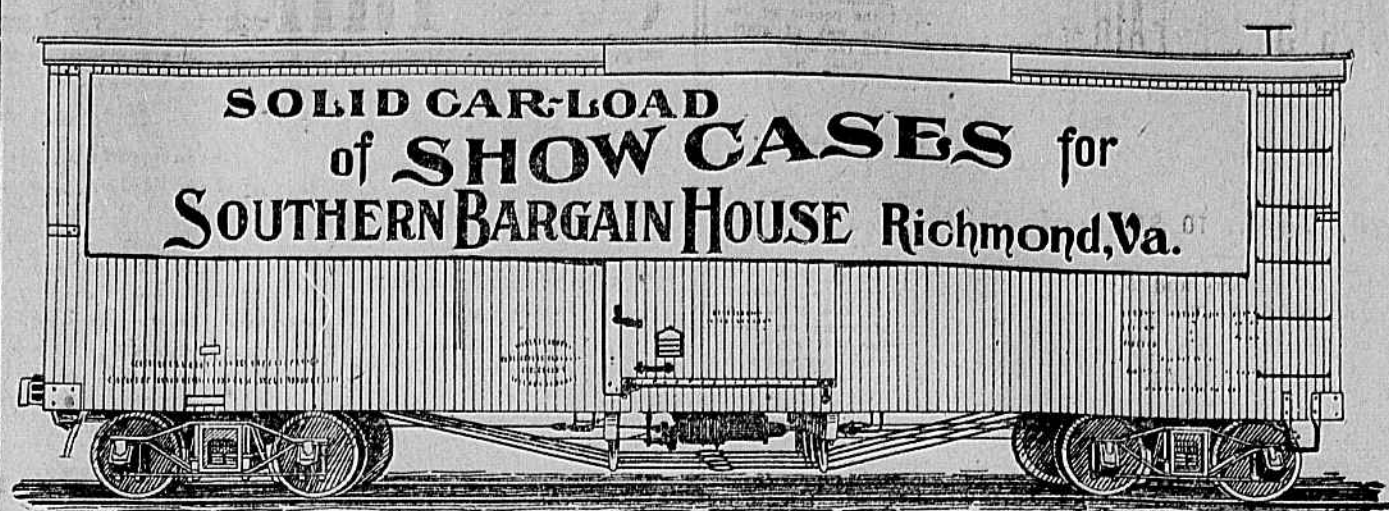
HAPPY EVENT UNDER MASONIC AUSPICES

Annual Meeting of Farmers' Mutual Benefit Association.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
CHESTER, VA., January 12.—The Chester Masonic Lodge gave an entertainment here last night, and was a success in every way. Mr. Garretson presided with bells, musical colts and sleigh bells, and this was creditably performed, as well as his juggling. A carload of people from Drewry's Bluff, came by trolley, and this vicinity was well represented.

The Executive Committee of the "Farmers' Mutual Benefit Association" met here this week with some of the members of the association. The committee were Mr. John S. Taylor, president, chairman of the Board of Supervisors of Chesterfield; Mr. T. O. Sundry, of Burkeville, vice-president; Mr. James P. Turnley, sheriff of the county of Spotsylvania; Mr. William A. Blankinship, superintendent of schools, of Chesterfield; Mr. Milton McLaurine, of Powhatan county; Mr. T. B. Booth, of Dinwiddie county.

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We have in our warehouses a complete line of Cigar Cases, Silent Salesman Floor Cases, Counter Cases, Umbrella Cases, Cheese Cases, Bread Cases, Money Drawer Cases, etc., ready for immediate delivery.

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INUENDO COST LAWRENCE \$100

Court Holds Greene and Gaylor's Counsel in Contempt for Alleged Insult.

"A CURIOUS COINCIDENCE"

Attorney Said Judge Speer Appointed His Avowed Enemy As Jury Commissioner.

(By Associated Press.)

SAVANNAH, GA., Jan. 12.—The pleas in abatement to indictments 478 and 477, being those found last November against Greene and Gaylor, were read this morning soon after the convening of the Federal court. The pleas set up that these bills of indictment had not been legally returned in that the grand jurors were drawn from among residents of the southwestern division of the Southern district of Georgia, whereas they served in the eastern division, wherein they returned the indictments against the defendants, and that the court had no right to appoint the two special commissioners to prepare the special grand jury list that had been prepared upon the order of the court. The defendants say that the grand jurors were therefore illegally drawn and had no right to return indictments.

Marion Erwin, special assistant attorney-general, read the government's demurrer to these pleas. He responded that the grand jury had been legally drawn, because what is now the southwestern division, at the time the offenses were committed was embraced in the eastern division, and that the jury-box was properly prepared.

When Mr. Erwin concluded his argument, A. A. Lawrence, of counsel for the accused, arose to read a written reply. Then came a sensation. Judge Speer caught language in the argument that he construed as contempt and promptly fined Mr. Lawrence \$100. Mr. Lawrence was arguing that the court had exceeded its rights in the appointment of the special jury commissioners, one of whom was T. F. Johnson, clerk of the court, and the other W. S. West, of Valdosta, who has lately been engaged in a bitter political controversy with W. O. Osborne, Mr. Lawrence's law partner.

The language of Mr. Lawrence to which the court took exception was as follows: "One circumstance alone in the case serves to illustrate more powerfully than I can hope to do by words, the possibilities for wrong and injustice opened up by this extraordinary innovation into what we conceive to be the law of procedure."

"It is a curious coincidence that in the case at bar the court, unwittingly, of course, appointed as a jury commissioner a gentleman who was at that time, and still is, an open, public and notoriously bad character. One circumstance alone in the case serves to illustrate more powerfully than I can hope to do by words, the possibilities for wrong and injustice opened up by this extraordinary innovation into what we conceive to be the law of procedure."

Judge Speer awarded Mr. Lawrence's conclusion of the passage and said: "Mr. Lawrence, your remarks are exceedingly improper and out of order. The court has no knowledge that he appointed as a jury commissioner a gentleman who was at that time and still is an avowed enemy of defendant's counsel. Error a fine of \$100 against Mr. Lawrence for contempt of court."

"The gentleman appointed as commissioner was appointed as one of the most intelligent and upright men in Southwestern Georgia, a prominent member of the opposite political party to that which the clerk belongs. He is president of the Georgia senate and ex-lieutenant-governor of the State of Georgia. After due inquiry the court believed him, of all others, to be the best man for the position, and this court will not tolerate inuendoes and insults by counsel in its presence."

Mr. Lawrence calmly concluded his argument after the imposition of the fine, making no apology for the language employed. Judge Speer then announced a recess to consider the matter presented.

Pleas Are Dismissed.

The motion of the government to quash the pleas of the defendants was sustained and the pleas were dismissed.

The defendants then asked that the jury commissioners were improperly selected and that the grand jury, which returned the new indictments, was improperly drawn.

Upon convening after the recess and in rendering his opinion on the motion, Judge Speer said: "The government's plea to the indictment made by Mr. Lawrence to the appointment of Mr. West, of Valdosta, as a jury commissioner. The court will not accept the conclusion that he was sincere in his appointment of Mr. West, and is still convinced of the wisdom of the appointment."

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TWO BANKS ROBBED AT SCOTTSVILLE, VA.

Both Premises Ransacked, But the Safes Uninjured.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

SCOTTSVILLE, VA., January 12.—Thieves broke into both the Fidelity and National Bank here Friday night. Mr. J. V. Pereira, owner and manager of the Fidelity Bank, found everything in wild confusion when he reached his office this morning. The glass in the ornamental bay window, which had recently been added to the building, was smashed to splinters; his desk had been forced open and its contents scattered in every direction; an unsuccessful attempt had been made to open the safe, which occupied a corner in the back room of the bank. Many drawers in both rooms were open, but none containing money were passed by unnoticed, and the desk of Miss Marietta Powers, the bookkeeper, was undisturbed.

At the National Bank, of which Mr. William Dorrier is president and W. S. Dorrier cashier, the front window looking on the street had been forced open and the whole cash taken out, but here the safe was uninjured also. This bank opened into the store of Pitts and Dorrier, and a quantity of clothing, mostly trousers, piled on the counter, were stolen, besides fruits and candies. This morning a pair of the trousers were found far down the railroad track, probably a blind.

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STUMBLING UPON TRACK.

Eugene Stallings Struck By An Electric Car.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

SPENCER, N. C., January 12.—Eugene Stallings, aged about twenty-three, a son of Rev. J. N. Stallings, of Spencer, was struck in the head and seriously injured at 9 o'clock to-night by a passenger car of the Salisbury and Spencer Street Railway system. Mr. Stallings was a passenger on a car from Salisbury, and was put off at his home when the car reached Spencer. Instead of going in the house it appears he stumbled upon the track in a stupor, being deeply under the influence of liquor.

On its return towards Salisbury, the car running in full speed, the motorman saw the body on the track and immediately applied the emergency brakes and reversed his lever, but before the car could be stopped Stallings had been hit and dangerously wounded in the head, besides sustaining other bruises. The injured man was attended by several physicians, who believe he will recover.

Beth Ahabah's Auxiliary.

The Beth Ahabah Auxiliary, which was to have met last night at 8 o'clock, will meet this afternoon at 4 o'clock in the temple. A large attendance is greatly desired.

An Elopement.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
SCOTTSVILLE, VA., Jan. 12.—Mr. George Davis, of Warren, Va., and Miss Laura Clements, of this place, eloped this evening and were married in Charlottesville.

REDSKINS TO MANAGE THEIR OWN ATHLETICS

Major Mercer, U. S. A., Superintendent at Carlisle, Makes Many Changes.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

CARLISLE, PA., January 12.—Major William A. Mercer, the United States army officer, who since the summer of 1904 has been in charge of the Carlisle Indian School, has made a complete change in the regulation of athletic affairs at the Carlisle school, mainly as a result of the agitation inaugurated by President Roosevelt last fall for the reform of the present methods employed in school and college athletics, and particularly on account of the superintendent's own personal study into ways and means.

From now on athletics at the famous Carlisle school, which holds the palm for turning out a larger percentage of crack athletes than any other educational institution in the country, will be completely under the direction and management of the redskins themselves, a committee having just been appointed by Major Mercer to take entire charge of everything pertaining to amateur physical sports and pastimes.

The new committee is composed of three Indians picked from the official force at the school, who may be drafted from the teachers or clerical force. The three remaining members of the committee will be under-graduates, and the captains of the foot-ball, base-ball and track teams have been selected for this honor.

The names of those who have just been appointed as members of the committee by Major Mercer are: Alfred Yenne, teacher and physical director at the school; Frank Hudson, the well-known punter, clerk, and Sione Nori, an older athlete and clerk, all Indians, to represent the officialdom, and Foot-ball Captain Nicholas Bowen, Base-ball Captain Charles Roy and Track Captain Frank M. Pleasant, undergraduates.

One of the first matters that will be brought to the attention of this committee will be whether or not a graduate system of coaching is advisable. From expressions of opinion heard from the student body, it is thought that this system will be adopted, inasmuch as under it there is a drawing away from the idea of professionalism, which field the Indians have always avoided scrupulously.

An intelligent redskinned youth, Alfred Yenne, succeeds as athletic manager, Colonel William G. Thompson, who is overburdened with work as superintendent of industries, which are taking on a new lease on life at the Carlisle school. Colonel Thompson has been the principal factor in developing athletics here, and given up the work, of which he was proud, with regret.

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ROBERT G. ERWIN DIES SUDDENLY

Late President of the Atlantic Coast Line Stricken While Inspecting Game Preserves.

RETIRED LAST NOVEMBER

Left Presidency of A. C. L., But Was Director of Many Other Transportation Lines.

(By Associated Press.)

SAYBROOK, CONN., January 12.—Robert G. Erwin, of Hartford, who was a prominent figure in transportation circles along the Atlantic seaboard up to a short time ago, died of heart disease this afternoon while inspecting a section of his game preserve. Mr. Erwin was in company with S. H. Butler, of Hartford, and Ansel H. Wright, one of the men employed at the preserve, when he was stricken. They came here this morning, and after eating dinner left for a trip through the woods. About eight miles from the center of this town, in a section of the estate known as Harvey's Woods, Mr. Erwin spoke to Wright about cutting down a pole, and as he uttered the last word he dropped dead. Mr. Erwin retired from the presidency of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company on November 21st last, and at the time of his death was a director in several railroad and steamboat companies. At one time he was vice-president of the Plant line, and succeeded the late Henry B. Plant as the head of the company before it was taken over by the Atlantic Coast Line. He was born in Savannah, Ga., and was fifty-two years old. After graduating from Trinity College in 1874, he took up the practice of law in Savannah, and immediately became interested in steamboat and railroad lines.

With a United States Senator Morgan G. Bulkeley, of Hartford, and other men, Mr. Erwin acquired thousands of acres of fine wood lands between New London and West Brook, his intention being to make the territory a great preserve for many kinds of game.

Mr. Erwin leaves a widow and one son and one daughter. A brother, Major Charles Erwin, is with the army, and is stationed at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

Retail Lumber Merchants.

The Retail Lumber Merchants' Association of Richmond will meet to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock at the No. 10, 11 and 12 National Bank Building. This is the time set for perfecting the organization, and a large attendance is desired.

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